

Town of Monkton Conservation Commission

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Monday, October 16th, 2023

7:00pm Meeting via Zoom/Phone

(Approved:)

Members Present: Ann Johnston Miller (Chair), Jaime Schulte (Clerk), Debra Sprague (Treasurer), Janet Schwarz, Sue Stasny

Members Absent: Nancy Wilson (Vice-Chair)

Guest Present: None

Call to Order - Ann called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

1) Reviewed Agenda - added items of Other Business

2) Public Comment - there was no public comment

3) Regular Business:

a) Set next meeting dates

i) Monday, November 20th, 2023

ii) Monday, December 18th, 2023

b) Reviewed draft meeting minutes

i) **Debra moved to approve the minutes of September 18th, 2023 as written. Jan seconded.** There was no further discussion. **All were in favor (5-0-0).**

4) Natural Resource Inventory project status and updates

a) There was a community presentation of the project on Thursday, September 28th, which was attended by about 30 people at Town Hall and on Zoom. The recording of the presentation can be found on the Conservation Commission page of the Town website.

b) Jaime to follow up on obtaining the presentation slides to post on the website.

c) Jaime to request an update from Arrowwood on remaining project deliverables (final report, billing, etc.). We'll request a project wrap-up meeting.

d) Need to determine the long-term host for the online map and how it will be updated.

Jaime will ask Ivor to follow up on options and potential long-term cost to update maps.

5) Discuss - Morse Park Management Plan and meeting with Rec

a) Jaime has a draft nearly completed. Will send to the committee and Jessica Demeritt for feedback as the next step.

6) Lewis Creek Association presentation in January on Monkton Amphibian Crossing

a) Would like help promoting the event from the MCC. Thursday, January 25th, 2024 from 6-8pm at the Monkton Central School.

7) Other Business / Other items of interest to members

a) MCC participation in the Planning Commission hearing on October 17th regarding Town Plan updates.

b) Other Lewis Creek Association updates

- i) LCA is encouraging residents to map Japanese Knotweed using iNaturalist
- c) The Addison County Conservation Commission has their annual meeting in Bristol on November 4th at Holley Hall. MCC members who can attend will join this session.
- d) There will be an Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions (AVCC) meeting on October 19th. Debra will present about the Tiny Grant awarded to Monkton, which purchased Uprooter tools to remove buckthorn with. We have used these for two seasons now and Debra will share the successful and on-going buckthorn removal project happening in the woods just behind the playground at Monkton Central School.
- e) We have completed another successful season of buckthorn removal at MCS! There will be more sessions next spring/summer.
- f) Budget for next year will be due in December or January. We will review in November.
- g) Our annual dues for the AVCC will be due in January - will get that process going.

Adjournment - Jan moved to adjourn. All were in favor (5-0-0). Adjourned at 8:07pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jaime Schulte
Clerk